

ABSTRACT

An information processing apparatus for transmitting inputted image data to a printing machine connected via an electronic network and making the printing machine execute printing, the information processing apparatus includes: a cost information register section for registering printing cost information for each of a plurality of printing machines connected via the electronic network; an area coverage calculation section for calculating an area coverage by image forming material defined by an area of a print sheet covered with image forming material when printing the image data on the print sheet; and a printing cost calculation section for calculating a printing cost for printing the image data, based on the area coverage by image forming material, printing cost information for each of the plurality of printing machines, and a print count of the image data.